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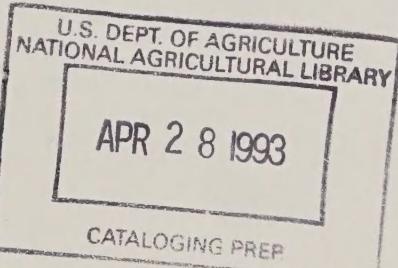
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Have You Seen It?

Your State and agencies are looking for help in North Carolina and we need your help to find the red-flowered plant that is a threat to corn and soybeans. Right now it can be found in your fields or among other crops elsewhere on your farm.

Beauty Is the Beast

Don't let witchweed's bright red flowers and its look innocent enough to fool you. This pest is robbing nearby host plants of food and water. When infestations are heavy, witchweed's mark is obvious—crops that are dried out, stunted, and nonproductive. Before cooperative State-Federal control efforts began in the Carolinas, local corn losses were high.

Why the Witchweed Survey Here?

The State-Federal plan is to eliminate witchweed entirely from North Carolina and South Carolina. To do this,

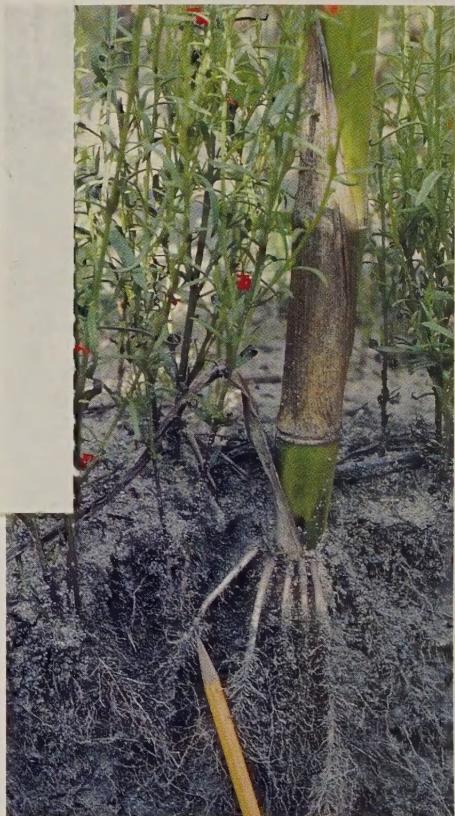
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Where Are the Best Places To Look?

Most witchweed grows right next to corn and sorghum plants. However, the pest can also thrive among weedy grasses in soybean, cotton, peanut, and other crop fields, and in harvested areas of early crops. Crabgrass in abandoned fields, along roadsides, near farm buildings, in backyards, and in home gardens should also be checked carefully!



Witchweed attaches itself to roots of corn plants, stealing vital nutrients.



How Can You Help?

Let us know if you do or if you do not suspect witchweed on your property.

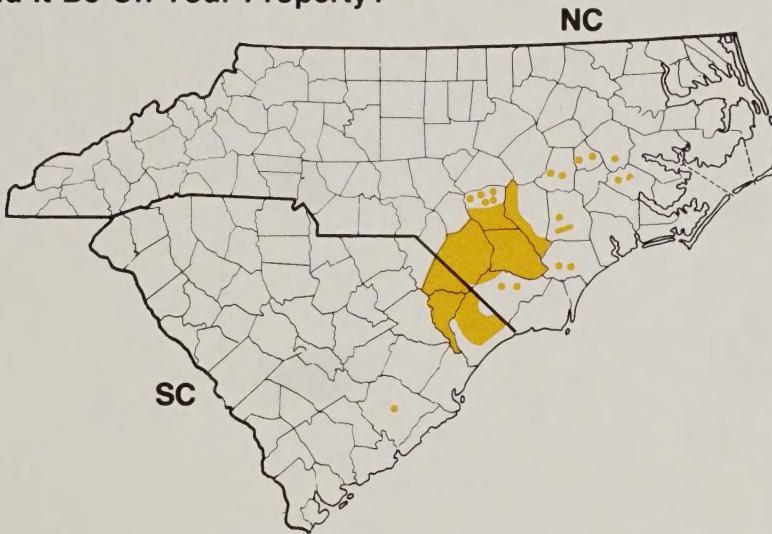
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A State or Federal inspector will visit your property to identify what you've found, and treat if necessary.

Important—Please call or return the postcard!

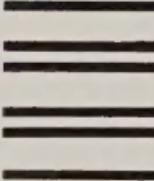
These Areas Have Witchweed— Could It Be On Your Property?



Warning: Don't pull up plants you think are witchweed! You could be spreading its seeds instead. Each witchweed plant can produce up to 500,000 tiny seeds yearly—so the danger of spread is very great!

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Yes I suspect witchweed on
my property

No I have inspected my
property without finding
any trace of witchweed

Remember: Witchweed is a problem for everyone! It can increase farmer production costs and consumer food prices if allowed to spread. Let's get rid of witchweed in the Carolinas once and for all! Check your property and send in this postcard!

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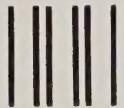
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